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Location: 3417-3419 Danneel Street, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana

USGS New Orleans West, Louisiana Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
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Significance: The Ferrera Tenement House, located at 3417-3419 Danneel Street, is a contributing element to the Uptown New Orleans Historic District, a 750 block area listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985 for its state architectural significance for the period ca. 1820 to 1935. The two-story, eight-plex dwelling was constructed ca. 1923. The dwelling is an example of a utilitarian multiple-family dwelling and represents an uncommon residential building type in the Uptown district.

Description: The Ferrera Tenement House is a symmetrical, two-story, frame dwelling supported by brick piers and terminating in a gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The design of the building adopts a gable-front orientation facing Danneel Street. The eave line of the roof is extended and supported at the roof ridge and building corners by simple board brackets. The gable-end includes six-light windows enframed by simple board surrounds.

The exterior walls of the building are clad in 6" clapboard; building corners are accented by simple cornerboards. The majority of the building's windows and doors have been removed. All bay openings are secured with plywood panels. Surviving window units are six-light-over-six-light wooden sash set in simple board frames. Doors are five panel wood units. Door and window units are similar in design to those installed in the adjoining building (3421-3423 Danneel Street).

Wrap around galleries are located on both sides of the structure. Second floor access is provided by way of open, poured concrete stairs extending from the rear of the structure. Galleries are defined by simple pipe railings.

The building is divided into eight dwelling units. The interior design of each unit utilizes a plan of interconnecting rooms. Interior finishes include original plaster walls and narrow board flooring. Modifications to the units include the installation of fiber board panelling and carpeting.

The building is in deteriorated condition. Severe water damage and insect infestation has compromised framing members; structure failure has occurred at the mid-point of the building where second floor joists have collapsed.

History: Mrs. Rose P. Ferrera, of 2329 Marengo, built this structure (3417-3419 Danneel) and the neighboring building (3421-3423 Danneel) as tenement houses ca. 1923. City records document that sewerage and water lines were connected to both buildings in that year. Mrs. Ferrera and subsequent landlords maintained the building as residential rental property; the structure eventually included eight units.

The Sanborn Insurance Map of 1937 described the property as a "Colored Tenement." Vacant and deteriorating, 3417-3419 Danneel was among the properties managed by the Secor Bank in 1991.

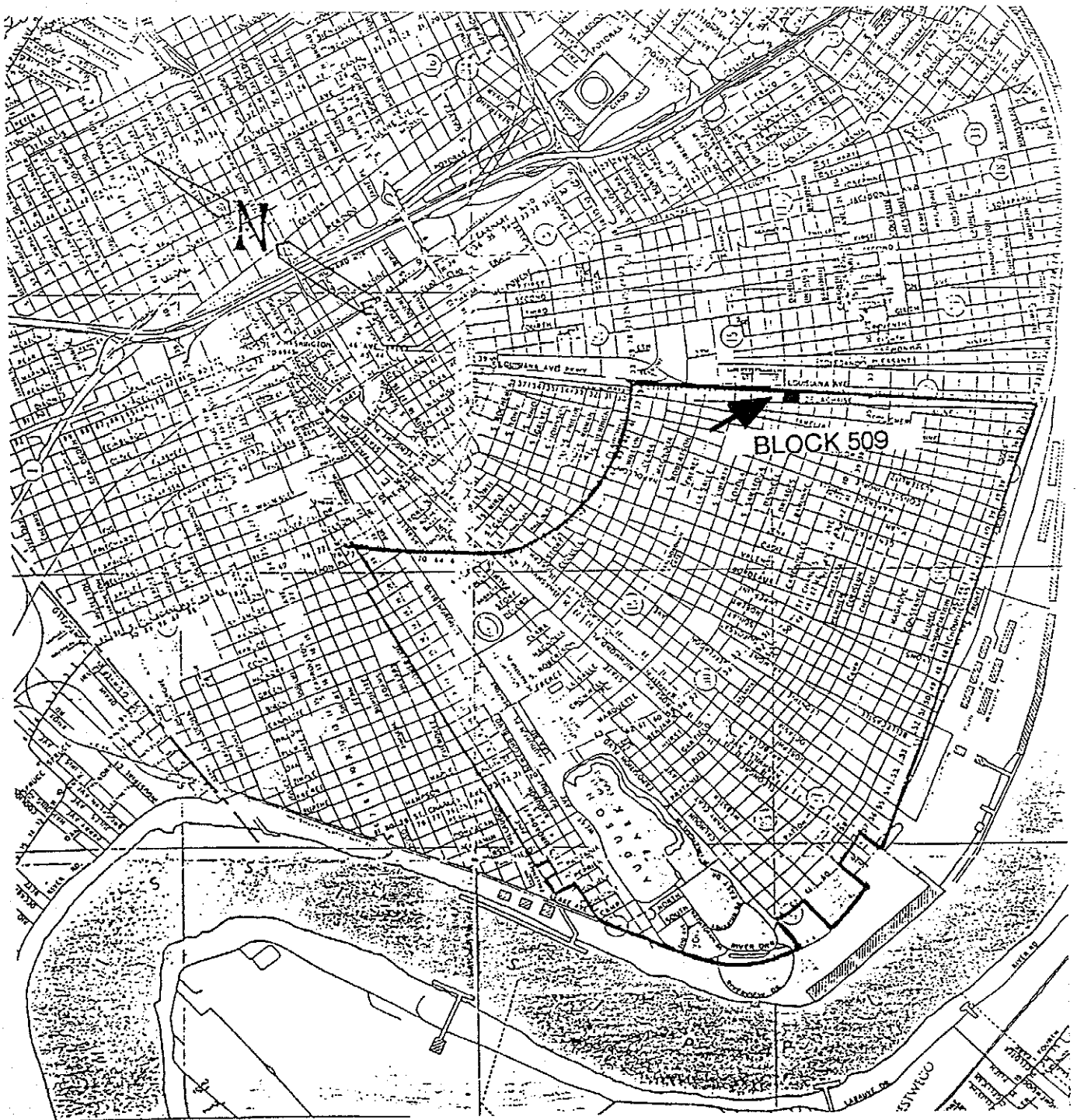
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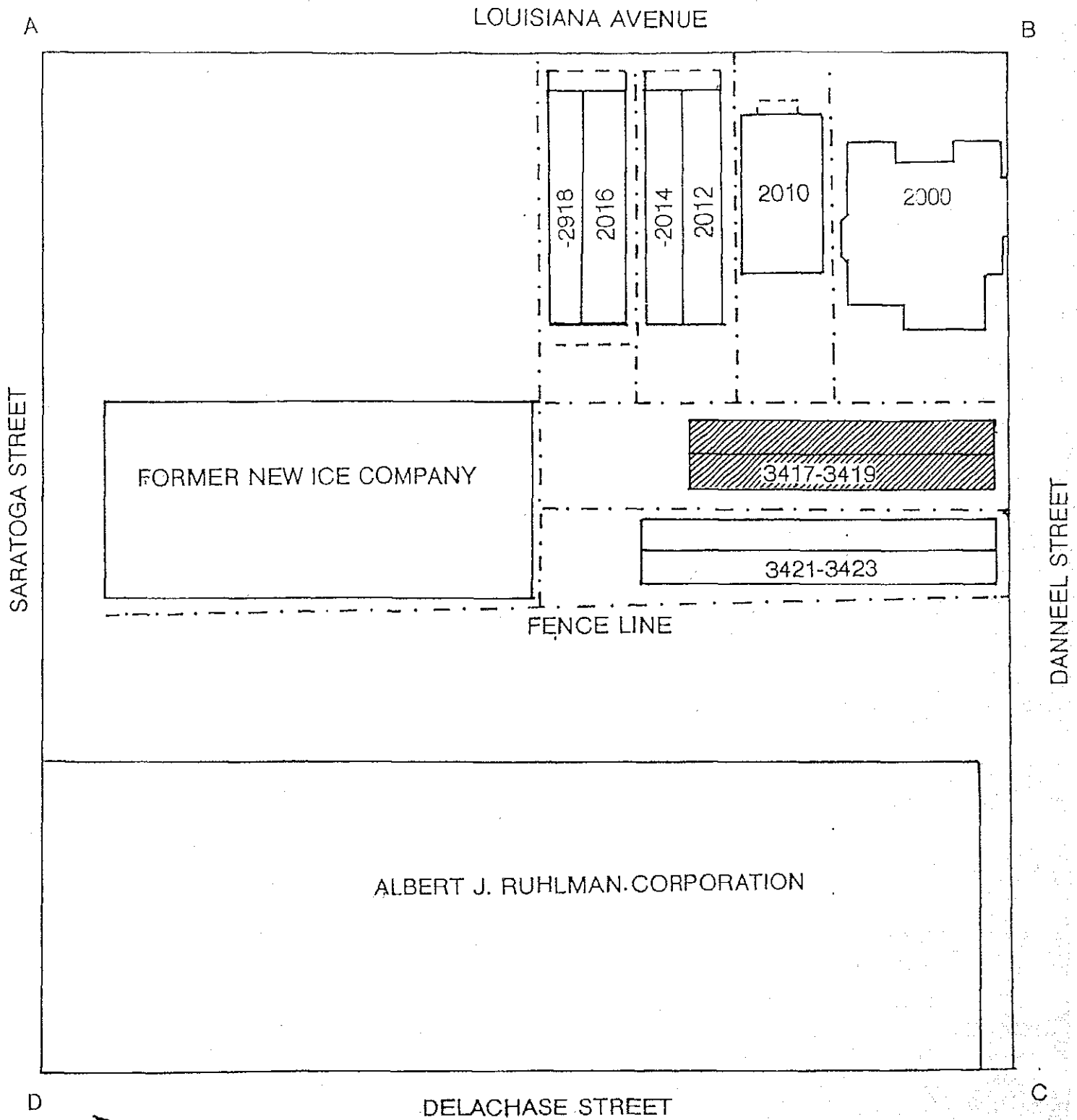
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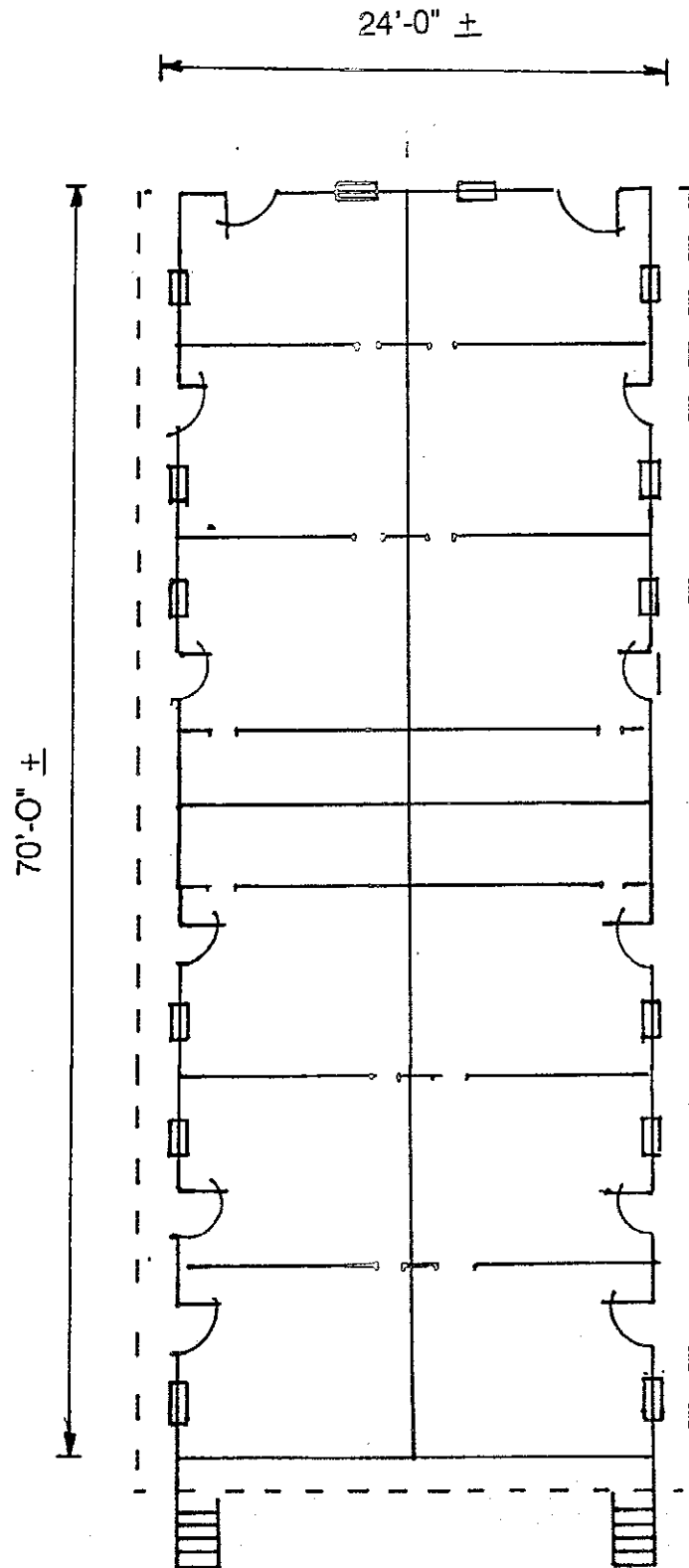
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